

**The Dodge County Land and Water Conservation Committee met on Monday, July 27, 2020 at 8:15 A.M., in the First Floor Conference Rooms, Rooms 1F & 1G, Dodge County Administration Building, 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, WI.**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Larry Bischoff at 8:15 am.

Members present: Larry Bischoff, Lisa Derr, William Foley, Naomi Kriewald, Dale Macheel and James Qualmann.

Member(s) absent: Allen Behl

Other staff and non-committee members included County Conservationist John Bohonek, Farm Service Agency Matt Peplinski and LWCD Administrative Secretary Becky Justmann.

No public comment.

Motion by William Foley and seconded by James Qualmann to approve the minutes from the March 9, 2020 special meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Lisa Derr and seconded by Dale Macheel to approve the minutes from the June 22, 2020 meeting with the following amendment to the minutes.

For the Fox Lake District, Dale reported on the June meeting including potentially having a restraining order for a landowner who is preventing access *due to irrational behavior by landowner*. Motion carried.

**Other Agency Monthly Updates**

- Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) – No representative in attendance.
- Farm Service Agency – Matt Peplinski: Annual crop reporting due date of July 15, 2020 has been moved to August 14, 2020. Dodge County has around 60% reported. New Coronavirus Food Assistance Program has begun. It is an assistance program that provides relief to producers due to Covid-19. FSA will be accepting applications now through August 28, 2020. So far they have 400 producers signed up. CRP sign up continues. ARC/PLC Program 2020 runs till August 1, 2020 with the ability to adjust yields till September 1, 2020. The FSA office is open to staff but closed to the public. There is a tent and table set up outside for use. They are encouraging mail and email for correspondence.
- DNR Forester – No representative in attendance.

**Land and Water Plan Revision**

- All Committee members were given a hard copy of the plan. It is a 10 year plan with a 5 year review from DATCP. John B has been contacting various people regarding sitting on the committee for the plan revision. They will be encouraged to read the entire plan but the committee's goal will focus on Chapter 4 of the current plan. There will be at least 2 meetings with the possibility of 3. Discussion regarding what the new plan may be took place. Hope to have the first meeting mid to late August 2020.

#### **Possible Invasive Species Grant/Rock River Coalition**

- Invasive Species grant model has changed in the state. The 1 Million dollar grant will now be divided between all the counties. Dodge County is eligible to receive \$14,220. Dodge, Jefferson, Rock and Waukesha County are discussing the possibility of pooling their funds together and create a staff position to handle the project. Patricia Cicero with Jefferson County is in contact with the Rock River Coalition for input on what could be done for projects. LWCC is on board with trying to put this together.

#### **Farmland Preservation Update**

- 1 notice of non-compliance and 2 notices of non-compliance cancelations. Motion by Lisa Derr and seconded by James Qualmann to approve all 3 notices. Motion carried.

#### **Land and Water Resource Management Program Conservation Practices**

- The handout was reviewed.

#### **2020/2021 Budget**

- John reviewed the budget with the LWCC. Discussion regarding the budget took place. John will be submitting the budget before the next LWCC meeting.

#### **Committee Member Reports**

##### **Lake Sinissippi District – Naomi Kriewald**

- Meeting was held July 14, 2020. There was a presentation held via zoom regarding the suck the muck project in Dane County. Received final payment from the DNR for Anthony Island. Bio mass study will be done this year.

##### **Beaver Dam Lake – William Foley**

- There will be no banquet this year. It is the main source of funding. Annual meeting may be via zoom. Information will be going out in newsletter. Grant for Rakes Bay is going forward. Skunk Island's native plants and grasses that were planted are coming in well. It will be a good bird habitat.

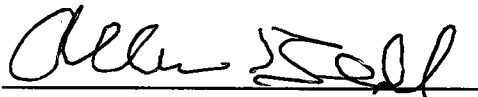
##### **Fox Lake District – Dale Macheel**

- Meeting was held July 9, 2020 via zoom. Waste water department has \$38,000 in a fund due to violation penalties for heavy metals discharge. Discussion was held on how to distribute those funds. One suggestion was to use it to help cleanup up the sediment ponds that needs to be done in the next year or two. Weed harvesting has been postponed. Twenty properties had an herbicide treatment done for weeds. Discussion regarding water lily problem in the jug. Nothing has been decided yet. Tracy Zemlo met with Dept. of Corrections regarding easement. Have not heard back yet. Possible blue green algae in the area. Pictures were sent to the DNR. Annual meeting will be held August 1, 2020 at the Fox Lake Town Park.

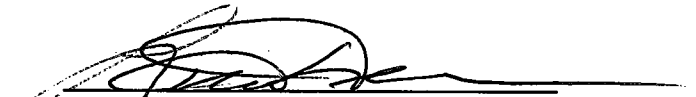
Motion by James Qualmann and seconded by Lisa Derr to approve the per Diems. Motion carried.

Motion by Naomi Kriewald and seconded by Dale Macheel to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 am.

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Larry Bischoff/Chair

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Lisa Derr/Secretary